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MR. WILLIAMS THE NOMINEE

RETURNS SHOW HE DEFEATED
GOV. VARDAMAN BY ONLY
SIX HUNDRED AND FOR-
TY-EIGHT VOTES.

Senator Noel Led the Gubernatorial
Candidates and Brewer Was
Second, While Scott Was
Third in the Race.

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 8.—The Democratic State Executive Committee met at noon today and declared Congressman John Sharp Williams the party nominee for the United States senate.

The canvass of returns showed a majority of 648 for Williams, the totals being as follows: Williams, 59,496; Vardaman, 58,848.

There will be no contest over the result. After a short caucus between the two factions, it was finally agreed to abide by the semi-official returns as furnished Secretary of State Power from the various counties and which show that Mr. Williams has a majority of 648 votes. The motion to declare Mr. Williams the nominee was seconded by the friends of Governor Vardaman.

The committee then formally declared Mr. Williams nominated as United States senator, and this is considered the final settlement of the now celebrated contest.

Governor Vardaman conceded the nomination of Mr. Williams by sending the following note to the executive committee:

"The Democratic party, through its executive committee, has declared Mr. Williams the nominee, and I accept the arbitration of that tribunal without a tinge of resentment or regret for anything done or said by my friends or by me during the campaign."

"I am for the nominee, and hope he will make the people of Mississippi a good United States senator. I have made the campaign upon living, important and pertinent principles, and while I have lost the nomination I am thoroughly convinced that the large majority of the white Democrats of this State agree with my views upon public questions, and I shall continue to fight for those principles as earnestly in the future as I have contended for them in the past."

"I want to thank my friends for their loyalty, their earnestness and their zeal in behalf of the principles I represent and for my political interests. No man was ever blessed by more loyal and faithful friends than those who favored my fortunes in this contest. I want them to feel as I do, that we have not been defeated but that the victory is only postponed for a season. I have been a candidate several times in my life and lost the fight, but never have I felt the sting of defeat and I am not defeated today."

"I am sure that I am stronger with the people of Mississippi today than ever before, and God being my helper I hope to so live that this popularity, confidence and strength with the people may grow. The only life worth living a life of service, and to serve Mississippi and Mississippians is my chief ambition."

The following are the proceedings of the State Democratic Executive Committee in full:

Promptly at ten o'clock Chairman Lomax of the State Executive Committee, called the body to order in the senate chamber in due form, and by unanimous consent the body adjourned over to the house end of the capitol, as the morning sun streaming in made the chamber unbearable. Almost the full membership of the committee was on hand when the roll was called, with one absentee and two others represented by proxy as follows:

First District—L. M. Phillips, Prentiss, absent; Van Kincannon, Lee county; G. T. Heard, Noxubee.

Second District—L. T. Fant, Marshall; F. P. Bostner, Tallahatchie; R. M. Bailey, Panola.

Third District—J. W. Cutrer, Coahoma; J. M. Kirk, Bolivar; C. L. Lomax, Leflore.

Fourth District—A. G. Roane, Grenada; L. P. Haley, Chickasaw; Thos. Gaines, Grenada.

Fifth District—G. C. Tann, Newton; I. R. McElroy, Lauderdale; T. L. Raileney, Winston.

Sixth District—S. H. Stevens, Forrest; A. L. Yates, Marion; G. H. McMurrrough, Harrison.

Seventh District—M. H. Rodgers, Claiborne (proxy by Leroy Percy of Washington); C. W. Whitney, Jefferson (proxy by E. H. Reber); H. J. Wilson, Copiah, vice W. B. Lockwood, resigned.

Eighth District—J. B. Stirling, Hinds; J. W. George, Yazoo; R. W. Stewart, Madison.

There was no disposition for executive session or to exclude the public from the chamber, and beyond reserving the front rows of seats for the committee members and the representatives of the distinguished candidates, the outside members and watchers were given the run of the hall, and never was better order or decorum observed without the offices of sergeant-at-arms.

All being assembled, there was no time wasted in preliminaries, the first motion adopted being one that the committee first take up the vote for senator, since so many gentlemen were present who are so deeply interested in that race, more so than in any others, and it was desirable that it be gotten out of the way.

The batch of returns that had come in by mail and express were then opened, and the canvass of the seventy-eight counties was begun, which consumed the time up till 11 o'clock, after which a recess was taken to allow a subcommittee to retire and tabulate the totals.

Without taking up the other offices in contest, the committee recessed until 2:30 p. m., when the returns in the race for governor were taken up. Only slight changes were noted from the tables of the unofficial returns already published.

The result of the canvass of the gubernatorial vote is that Noel leads with 29,380, Brewer is next with 28,111, while Scott has 26,941. Mr. Scott was dropped out and there will be no contest.

After devoting all the forenoon session to finding out the status of the two candidates for senator and so declaring, the executive committee resumed session in the afternoon and with little loss of time proceeded to ascertain the result of the voting for governor. While there were only three men whose standing could be affected by the committee's research it was of course necessary to go all through the list of the six after getting the figures from all but three of the counties, which were Grenada, Kemper and Smith, and taking the unofficial figures for them the three leading candidates consenting to this procedure, the committee found that the candidates stood as follows: E. F. Noel, 29,380; Earl Brewer, 28,111; Chas. Scott, 26,941; T. U. Sisson, 20,107; Jeff Truly, 15,687; and E. N. Thomas, 1,394.

This result was reached by a subcommittee selected to sum up the tabulated columns, and when the task was completed they reported the result to the committee for action.

The feature of the evening's sitting was the address of Chas. Scott, who, in frank, clear-cut terms, expressed himself as willing to accept the committee's findings and would not wish to delay them with their work on account of technicalities; that he was willing to waive all informality and leave the matter in the hands of the committee without contest or bickering. Like the procedure had in regard to the race between Mr. Williams and Gov. Vardaman, the committee proceeded to carry out their duty.

Then followed a long task, that of calling off and tabulating the figures after the name of each gubernatorial entry, which occupied the committee until five o'clock, and then came the tabulating, with friends of each of the three leading candidates present and helping.

Having disposed of the matter of the gubernatorial entry for the run-off on the face of the returns, the committee recessed for supper and returned to the capitol at 8 o'clock to resume their work. It became necessary to take up the offices of lieutenant governor, auditor, treasurer, superintendent of education, insurance commissioner, railroad commissioner and penitentiary trustees, and the full committee buckled down to the task with a will. It had become necessary for Engineer McDonald to fire up for the first time in several months, in order to operate the dynamo for lighting the building, but notwithstanding the heat this was done.

After sitting in session until ten o'clock, the committee found the following nominated without question: Auditor, E. J. Smith over T. R. Max. (Continued on page four.)

GOV. VARDAMAN ARRIVED FRIDAY

MISSISSIPPI'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE
ARRIVES HERE TO ATTEND
ENCAMPMENT OF THE
NATIONAL GUARD.

Was Met at Depot by Members of
Staff and Cavalry Troop Under
the Command of Cap-
tain J. C. Cavett.

Hon. Jas. K. Vardaman, governor of Mississippi and commander-in-chief of the State National Guard, arrived in the city Friday afternoon, and was received with the enthusiasm and adulation to which his distinguished position entitles him. The governor arrived over the Mobile & Ohio Railroad shortly after 6 o'clock, and was met at the depot by Major General Keesler and staff and cavalry troop A, under command of Captain Cavett. Governor Vardaman was escorted to Camp Columbus by a guard of honor composed of the staff officers and the cavalry troop, and as the party entered the camp grounds the governor's salute of seventeen guns was fired.

The party arrived at camp just in time for the dress parade, and the troops were reviewed by the governor. The dress parade Friday afternoon was executed by the soldiers in a splendid manner. The men show the effects of the discipline of camp life, and under the tutelage of the commissioned officers and the regular army officers who are stationed here have improved rapidly. The maneuvers Friday afternoon were executed in a manner well high perfect. A high wind prevailed during the parade and every flag stood out gaily in the breeze, giving the scene an exceedingly picturesque appearance.

In conversation with a Dispatch reporter yesterday Governor Vardaman said that he wanted to thank the people of Columbus not only for the enthusiastic greeting which he received, but for the cordial treatment accorded the officers and members of the State National Guard who are here in attendance upon the encampment. This sentiment is shared by Gen. Keesler and every member of the gallant body of men which he commands. They one and all express themselves as being overwhelmed by the kindness and cordiality of the Columbus people and their efforts to contribute to the pleasure of the soldiers. This sentiment is reciprocated on the part of the people of Columbus, who are charmed with the military men and their soldier-like bearing. There has been no drunkenness or rowdiness of any kind, the men having deported themselves in an orderly and circumspect manner. They have at all times been urbane and polite, and whenever ladies enter a crowded street car the men in the khaki uniforms are among the first to vacate their seats. The soldiers have shown in many ways that they are not only well trained in military tactics, but possess the innate chivalry and deference for the gentler sex which marks them as true Southern gentlemen.

Mr. J. S. McLemore, of Maben, Miss., succeeds Mr. A. D. Carothers as bill clerk in the Southern Express Company's office here on August 12.

Miss Charlie Garner is the guest of Mrs. S. B. McGee at the Stone Hotel during the encampment.

GALA DAYS AT CAMP COLUMBUS

STATE ENCAMPMENT IS IN FULL
BLAST AND MEMBERS OF
GUARD ARE HAVING
A MERRY TIME.

Besides the Military Maneuvers at
the Camp the Nightly Dances at
Lake Park Are Attracting
Very Large Crowds.

The fifth day of the State encampment closed yesterday, and the members of the Mississippi National Guard who are in camp here are having a delightful time. The camp began officially last Tuesday afternoon, and it was Wednesday before the gaieties and festivities incidental to the annual amalgamation of the State National Guard really began. The first dress parade took place at six o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The parade was given by the Second Regiment, under command of Capt. Sam McCants, and was witnessed by a large number of visitors. The music was furnished by the Second Regiment band, of Corinth, which is composed of twenty-eight men and which is a splendid musical organization.

Mrs. Jas. K. Vardaman, the Misses Vardaman and Miss Wood arrived at noon last Wednesday. They were accompanied by Col. R. V. Ratchford and Maj. Frank Craddock, of Gov. Vardaman's staff, and are guests at the Stone Hotel. Gen. Keesler and his staff called upon them at the hotel soon after their arrival, and the party later witnessed the dress parade as guests of Col. Walter Weaver, paymaster of the National Guard.

The evenings are all devoted to pleasure. The Second Regiment band plays nightly at Lake Park, and there are always large crowds present to enjoy both the music and the dancing. Some dissatisfaction has been expressed because those who enter the pavilion are compelled to pay admission, and a few people have openly criticised the management of the street railway company, thinking that the company received the money collected from the dancers and spectators. Such, however, is not the case. The pavilion has been turned over to the military men for the encampment period, and the money collected is used in paying the band which furnishes the dance music.

Friday was an eventful day at the camp, as it marked the coming of Governor Vardaman, the distinguished chief executive of the State and commander-in-chief of the Mississippi National Guard. An account of Gov. Vardaman's arrival and of the cordial reception accorded him is presented elsewhere in this paper.

A hard rain came up just after the conclusion of dress parade Friday afternoon. The rain was accompanied by an exceedingly brisk wind, and several tents were blown down. The damage, however, was quickly repaired, and the soldiers did not mind the momentary inconvenience entailed by the storm, as the weather had previously been very dry and a good rain was needed to settle the dust.

There will be many interesting events at Camp Columbus today, and there will no doubt be a large number of sightseers who will visit the camp grounds during the course of the day. Guard mount will occur at nine a. m., after which there will be an inspection of quarters by Major General Keesler. At 10:30 a. m.

there will be services for the soldiers in the pavilion at Lake Park, the services being conducted by Rev. W. T. Bolling, D. D., chaplain of the Mississippi National Guard. The sermon will be preceded by a fine musical program, consisting of both vocal selections by a male quartette furnished by the regimental Y. M. C. A., and sacred music by the Second Regiment band. These services will be for the public generally, as well as for the soldiers, and Gen. Keesler cordially invites the citizens of Columbus to be present. The afternoon will be devoted largely to rest by the soldiers, the only military maneuver being a regimental parade by the Third Infantry, which will take place at six o'clock p. m., and which the public is cordially invited to witness.

The troops will be reviewed by Gov. Vardaman next Tuesday. The soldiers will march from the camp up to the city, and will pass the reviewing stand about 10:30 a. m. The reviewing stand will be erected at the corner of Main and Market streets and the governor will review the parade at this point. The parade will include the entire brigade, which will leave camp about 9:30 a. m., under command of Major General Keesler. The pageant will pass up Main street, and it is suggested that citizens living along the line of march decorate their homes in honor of the soldiers.

The following is a list of the commissioned officers now in camp: Gov. Vardaman's staff—General Arthur Fridge, adjutant general; Col. Walter Weaver, paymaster general; Col. R. V. Ratchford, commissary general; Col. C. C. Wyatt, inspector general; Col. W. S. Vardaman, quartermaster general; Col. W. T. Bolling, chaplain; Col. J. D. Money, chief of artillery; Maj. Frank Craddock, aide-de-camp; Capt. J. T. McLean, assistant surgeon; Capt. A. P. Cameron, aid-de-camp.

The camp is in command of Major General S. R. Keesler, with the following staff: Col. Jno. P. Mayo, assistant adjutant general; Lieutenant Colonel W. F. Scales, assistant inspector general; Lieutenant Colonel Calvin Wells, Jr., judge advocate general; Lieutenant Colonel D. W. Harrison, division chaplain; Major E. W. Wall, aid-de-camp; Capt. Sam Stein, aid-de-camp; Capt. B. N. Parish, aid-de-camp; Col. Chas. LeBaron, surgeon; Capt. Nash Broyles, aid-de-camp; Capt. J. F. Pope, aid-de-camp; Capt. L. R. Hodges, aid-de-camp; Capt. E. H. Magruder, aid-de-camp.

Second Infantry—Col. Sam McCants, commander; Lieutenant Col. Virgil Jones, Capt. R. W. Briggs, commissaries; Capt. DeB. Waddell, chaplain; Capt. R. G. V. Mytton, quartermaster; Capt. J. W. Dement, adjutant; Capt. C. A. Coleman, inspector of rifle practice; Maj. Cecil Champenois, surgeon; Capt. Harry G. Fridge, assistant surgeon; Lieutenant Jno. T. O'Ferrall, assistant surgeon.

The army inspecting officers of the camp are Capt. Ephraim G. Peyton, of the Eighteenth United States Infantry, and Lieutenant L. G. Brown, of the United States Cavalry.

The following is a list of the companies composing the two regiments, together with the different commissioned officers:

First Battalion, Second Infantry—Company G, Ellisville; T. M. Curtis, captain; Wallace Alston, first lieutenant; J. E. Baylis, second lieutenant.

Company I, Hattiesburg—N. Fairlym, captain; D. T. Hopkins, first lieutenant; Will Lucas, second lieutenant.

Company K, Lumberton—W. L. Lowery, first lieutenant; O. S. Limbough, second lieutenant.

Second Battalion, Second Infantry: Homer Brett, Meridian, major.

Company A, Meridian—Linwood Griffin, captain; Charles Cameron, first lieutenant.

Company D, Meridian—James A. Bell, captain; Luther G. Moss, first lieutenant; Ben R. Wiley, second lieutenant.

Company E, Laurel—W. C. O'Ferrall, captain; E. F. Bartlett, first lieutenant; Aaron McCormick, second lieutenant.

Company H, Macon—E. B. Boyd, captain; J. N. Holman, first lieutenant; H. N. Scales, second lieutenant.

Third Battalion, Second Infantry: O. M. Lawrence, Columbus, major.

Company B, Aberdeen—John B. McFarland, captain; Thos. M. Sykes, first lieutenant.

Company C, Columbus—W. S. Mullins, captain; Myrick Cox, first lieutenant. (Continued on page three.)

W. T. BOLLING DELIVERS ADDRESS

DELIVERED ADDRESS AT THE
UNVEILING OF THE WEST
POINT MONUMENT ON
THURSDAY LAST.

Members of Third Battalion, Second
Infantry, Who Are in Camp
Here, Went Over to That
City on Special Train.

Rev. W. T. Bolling, D. D., who is chaplain of the Mississippi National Guard and who is here in attendance upon the annual encampment which is now in progress in this city, went to West Point Thursday to deliver the address at the unveiling of the Confederate monument in that place. Dr. Bolling was formerly pastor of the First Methodist church here, and during his residence in this city was appointed chaplain of the Mississippi National Guard. Although now living in Paducah, Ky., he still retains his position as chaplain, and is performing the duties of the position during the present encampment.

On his trip to West Point Dr. Bolling was accompanied by a battalion from the second regiment which was under command of Col. Sam McCants of Meridian, and which was made up of the following companies: Company B, Aberdeen, Capt. Jno. B. McFarland commanding; Company E, Laurel, Capt. W. C. O'Ferrall commanding; Company F, West Point, Capt. R. M. Levy, Jr., commanding; Company H, Macon, Capt. E. B. Boyd commanding.

The military men left here on a special train over the Southern Railway at three o'clock Thursday afternoon and returned after the services incidental to the unveiling of the monument had been completed. The special train was furnished to the soldiers by the officials of the Southern Railway in Mississippi, and both the committee in charge of the unveiling of the monument at West Point and the members of the State National Guard appreciate this courtesy on the part of the railroad officials.

A Slick Thief.

A man, giving his name as S. J. Lowe, of LaCrosse, Wis., worked a slick scheme on a local hotel man one day last week. About four o'clock in the afternoon the proprietor was called to the telephone, and the man on the other end of the wire stated that he was Mr. W. N. Puckett and that Mr. Lowe, who had been employed to work for him, was on his way to the hotel to engage room and board. He also stated that he had given Mr. Lowe a check for ten dollars, and requested the hotel man to cash this check.

A few hours later Mr. Lowe put in an appearance and after selecting a room and engaging board presented the check and asked that it be cashed. The hotel man didn't happen to have ten dollars on hand, but gave Lowe six dollars, and told him that he could get the remainder on the following day. After receiving the money Lowe left the hotel, saying that he would return later in the evening. He failed to return, but the proprietor thought that he had possibly secured a cheaper boarding place, and had not the faintest suspicion that the check was a forgery. He owned Mr. Puckett a bill, and in making payment thereof included the check. As soon as Mr. Puckett saw the check he detected the forgery, and said that he knew no such man as S. J. Lowe. It developed later that Lowe was a professional swindler, and that he had mulcted other parties out of small amounts during his short stay here.

An Efficient Officer.

The Dispatch is indebted to Gen. Keesler, Gen. Fridge and other officers of the National Guard for many courtesies extended, and thanks are especially due to Col. Jno. P. Mayo, the efficient assistant adjutant general, for valuable assistance rendered in obtaining news of the camp. Although the duties of Col. Mayo's position are multifarious, he is never too busy to furnish information to the press, and is always on the lookout for the comfort of Columbians who visit the camp. Col. Mayo is in every way qualified for the position which he holds, and the splendid manner in which he discharges his duties has long since demonstrated the wisdom of his appointment.

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